



**NEW LIFE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love**

# Welcome to New Life Presbyterian Church

Dear Visitor,

Welcome! It is a joy and privilege to gather this morning to worship God together. Here at New Life, we are a small part of the worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-cultural body of Christ. Although we are Presbyterian and Reformed, our identity is found not in what makes us distinct, but in what makes us united: we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not only our Maker; He is our Savior. If you have put your hope and trust in Him, we welcome you as a brother or sister. It is in Him that we have New Life!

If you are here this morning and do not know what you think about Jesus, or about the claims of the Bible, we are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the morning. We hope and trust that you will experience a warm welcome, regardless of your religious convictions. We are a community of those who have experienced the embrace of God, through Jesus Christ. It is our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcome your thoughts and perspectives on anything you observe this morning.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Joyfully,



Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

# Worshipping God

May 2, 2021

## Reflection:

*“Hebrews is teaching that, when we are born again, God gives us a new heart and a new spirit, and the result is that the law of God written in Scripture is no longer offensive to us. We are no longer hostile to it like Paul says in Romans 8:7. We are not hostile to the word of God, but rather, we are submissive. We delight to do God’s commandments. It doesn’t mean that we know them all by heart, because they are written on our hearts. It doesn’t mean that. It means that, when we read them in the word, the inclination to do them is in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. This is a great work of the Holy Spirit, purchased by the blood of Christ called the new covenant.” – John Piper*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 86

*Joe Heidler*

*Leader:* Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer us, for we are poor and needy.

***People:* Save us, your servants who trust in you—you are our God.**

*Leader:* Be gracious to us, O Lord, for to you do we cry all the day.

***People:* Gladden the soul of your servants, for to you, O Lord, do we lift up our souls.**

*Leader:* For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

***People:* Give ear, O Lord, to our prayer; listen to our pleas for grace.**

*Leader:* In the day of trouble we call upon you.

***People:* For you answer us.**

## Prayer of Praise

# Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore. Re -  
 2 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the  
 3 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, bow  
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to

joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more. Lift up your  
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given. Lift up your  
 down at his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet. Lift up your  
 ga - ther all his saints to their e - ter - nal home. Lift up your

heart, lift up your voice. Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
 heart, lift up your voice. Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
 heart, lift up your voice. Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
 heart, the arch - an - gel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

# JESUS SHALL REIGN

Based on Psalm 72  
 Words by Isaac Watts  
 Music by John Hatton

Intro

Am G F G Am G F G

5 C F C F G Am D G

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
 2. For Him shall end - less of prayer be made  
 3. Peo - ple and realms bound wher - e'er He tongue  
 4. Bless - ing a - bounds wher - e'er He reigns

9 C F C Dm C G

Does His suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
 And prais - es thron - to crown His head  
 Dwell on His love with sweet - est his song;  
 The pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains

13 E/G# Am Am/G F C/E G

His king - dom spread from shore to shore,  
 His name like sweet per - fume shall rise,  
 And in - fant voi - ces e - shall pro - claim  
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest

17 C F G Am F C G Am G

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice  
 Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name,  
 And all the sons of want are blessed

21 F G Am G F G

5. Where He displays His healing power  
 Death and the curse are known no more  
 In Him the tribes of Adam boast  
 More blessings than, their father lost

6. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
 His grateful honors to our King;  
 Angels descend with songs again,  
 And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

**Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer #1**

1. Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

**Scripture Reading – Isaiah 59:15b-21**

*Blaine Marsh*

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Our Father,**

**You have not left us alone. As your Son promised, you have given us your Spirit. We are in need of daily guidance. Yet, we confess that we often fail to listen to you. We have a tendency to grieve the Spirit by going our own way. Rather than wait upon you and listen to your word, we often go off on our own. We repent of this sin, and we ask that you would guide us. Please direct our path. Lead us. We submit our lives to you, for we come in Jesus' name, Amen!**

**Assurance of Grace – Colossians 1:13**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word;  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

## Prayers of the People

### Ministry Moment

#### Offering Our Gifts

The offering allows friends and members of our church to express their faith in God's Word, and to support the extension of that Word in our community and in the world.

#### Doxology:

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him, all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Amen.**

#### Scripture Reading – *Hebrews 8*

<sup>1</sup>Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, <sup>2</sup>a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. <sup>3</sup>For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. <sup>4</sup>Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. <sup>5</sup>They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." <sup>6</sup>But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. <sup>7</sup>For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

<sup>8</sup>For he finds fault with them when he says:

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,  
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah,

<sup>9</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers  
on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt.  
For they did not continue in my covenant,



and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws into their minds,  
and write them on their hearts,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

<sup>11</sup>And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor  
and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'  
for they shall all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest.

<sup>12</sup>For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,  
and I will remember their sins no more."

<sup>13</sup>In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

**Sermon Notes**

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

New Life Church invites all baptized Christians who are members of Christ's church to join us in this feast of bread and wine. The inner circle of cups contains red wine and the outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. If you are unable to consume wheat, gluten-free crackers are available. If you wish to participate in the Lord's Supper but mobility is limited, kindly let Pastor Erik or one of the elders know. They are happy to serve you in the pew.

## **Prayer**

### **Words of Institution – *from I Corinthians 11***

*Leader:* Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

**All:** Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.

## **Communing Together**

Allowing space for other family units, please come up front to take communion. After you have been served the bread and wine, please partake and dispose of the communion cup prior to returning to your seat. Use the extra time during communion as a time for prayer and reflection.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

# O Church Arise

## Verse 1

O church, arise and put your armour on.  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain,  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies-  
An army bold whose battle cry is *Love*,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

## Verse 2

Our call to war: to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor,  
And with the sword that makes the  
wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which  
He died-  
An inheritance of nations.

## Verse 3

Come see the cross where love and  
mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken.  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen.  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day,  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

## Verse 4

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride.  
Give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.

## Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

## The Sending:

*Leader:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

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## This Week at New Life

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun 5/2	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun 5/2	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W 5/5	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W 5/5	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 5/5	5:30 PM	Parenting Seminar / Kids' Honor Club	New Life
W 5/5	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
W 5/5	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 5/6	9:00 AM	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th 5/6	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sun 5/9	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun 5/9	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date Offering</b>	\$69,307.64	\$73,324.80
<b>Week of 4/25</b>	\$4,076.92	\$2,617.00

## Announcements

- **Greeter Ministry Help Requested:** If you are willing to help greet people as they arrive for Sunday worship, please contact Pastor Erik.
- **Cleaning Team Help Needed:** Please contact Steve Harman if you are willing to help clean the church once every 4-5 weeks. It takes about 2 hours.
- **Hospitality Meeting:** If you are involved in or would like to be involved in serving the snack after worship, we will have a Zoom meeting on Tuesday May 18 at 8:00 PM to discuss how food will be served moving forward as we continue to adjust this side of covid. Follow this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84819273742?pwd=bEhEUncyN2UyeGNEdIJGMVBPczY5QT09>
- **Attention SILVERS:** Experience chalk talk, "A Glimpse of Heaven," presented by Elva Hurst on Saturday May 22 at 11 AM. Cost is \$12/person. Meet at the church at 9:30 AM for carpooling. Those who wish may also join us at a local restaurant after the event. Please sign up if you expect to attend the event and/or restaurant. The brochure is on the hall table. Last date to sign up is next Sunday May 9.
- **Women's Retreat:** Trinity Presbyterian Church has graciously invited any women from the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery to their one-day retreat on Saturday May 22 from 9am-2pm at Trinity PCA, 6098 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109. The topic is *Living with Hope in a World of Despair*. The cost is \$10 and includes a boxed lunch from Panera. Registration forms are available in the entryway. Please submit forms and money to Holly Wirt by next Sunday May 9 and also let her know if you will need a ride. Please note that masks are required for this event.
- **Upcoming Men's events:**
  - **Men's Bike ride:** Meet at 9:00 AM at Brillhart Station on Saturday May 22. Contact Rob Rothermel for more details.
  - **Men's boating trip:** Meet at the Lake Marburg main boat launch at Codorus State park at 10:30 AM on Saturday June 5 for a time of boating. A handful of boats will be available for those who want them. Please bring your own lunch, water, and sun screen.
- **2nd Annual Fall Camping Trip:** A group from New Life will be going camping at Codorus state park from Thursday September 9 through Sunday September 12. Come when you can; leave when you need to. A group of people has already booked sites: if you want to book electric sites, book as close as possible to sites 87, 89, 90, 91, and 94; if you want book non-electric, book as close as possible to 140-142 or 84-86. All of New Life is invited for a 6:00 PM potluck dinner on Saturday September 11.

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education:** Sunday School Classes (all ages) at 10:00 AM.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday Morning Moms' Group:** This group gathers to study Larry Crabb's book, *Connecting*. We sense our need for connection more than ever during this COVID time. Come learn God's vision for the people in His body to connect to Him and one another. Classes for children as well. Contact Joy Swanson.

**Men's Group:** Men meet at New Life every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:00 AM. We are discussing a number of male characters from the Bible. Contact Rob Rothermel.

**Women's Bible Study:** Both women's Bible study group are studying the book, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*. The in-person group meets Wednesday at the church from 7:00-8:30 PM. The Zoom group meets Thursdays from 9:00-10:30 AM. Contact Marlene Spark for more details.

**Youth Group:** Please contact the church office for more information.

**Prayer Small Group:** This group meets at New Life on alternate Wednesdays, beginning at 9:00 AM. Contact Sue Rothermel.

**Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):** Currently meeting via Zoom on Thursday evenings beginning 6:55; we are studying Genesis. Contact Joe Heidler.

**Discipleship Groups:** Same-gender groups that meet to encourage each other to follow Jesus as we walk with each other. Please contact Pastor Erik to join a group.

**Community Groups:** These microcosms of the church are intergeneration gatherings of men, women, and children. Whatever age or stage of life you find yourself in, you are welcome in a community group. Come to the Swanson's home to enjoy food, fellowship, a discussion of the Scriptures, and prayer. This group meets on the first and third Sundays from 6:00-7:30 PM.

## New Life Presbyterian Church Vision, Mission, and Core Values

**Vision:** *To see York and beyond embrace God's beauty and extend God's love.*

**Mission:** *To receive the grace of God, to give the glory to God,  
and to follow the Word of God.*

### Core Values:

- **His Voice:** While God speaks through creation, God speaks directly in the Word of God. Therefore, we receive and obey God's Word.
- **His Plan:** Because God is love, God is on a mission to save. We seek to follow Him in His mission.
- **His Grace:** The good news for sinners is that Jesus saves by grace. Through faith, we believe in Christ and grow in Christ.
- **His Power:** Only God has power to save and sustain His people. We depend on the Holy Spirit.
- **His People:** In Christ, the church is made one. In the midst of both unity and diversity, we must love one another.
- **His Gifts:** Creation, redemption, and the ability to serve are all gifts from God. The entire church should be equipped and empowered to serve gratefully.
- **His Timing:** All things are in God's hands. Therefore, we trust in His ways.

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